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REMARKS

Appreciation is hereby expressed to Examiner Alysia Berman for the phone conversation of today, August 16, 2001. In accordance with our discussion, I have amended Claim 17, although it is not clear whether the amendment will put this case in condition for allowance. The present amendment is deemed not to include new matter. Claims 11 and 17-19 remain in the application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested.

If there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 17

Please substitute the amended Claim 17 for the original Claim 17.

17. (Amended) A method of [preventing] treating environmental stress due to exposure of skin to automobile exhaust gases, comprising applying to the skin a liniment comprising thiotaurine.

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that I am transmitting the Supplemental Amendment in Application No. 09/478,882 filed January 7, 2000 by facsimile on August 16, 2001 to Examiner A. Berman in Group 1619 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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